

Minutes of the Special Monthly Meeting of Great Lumley Parish Council

Held Thursday 24th June 2021 at 7.00 pm
Main Hall, Great Lumley Community Centre

Present:

Cllr Alan Bell (Chairman)
Cllr Neil Bains
Cllr Hyleen Wood
Cllr Jeremy Whiting
Cllr Joan Robson

Cllr Gary Brown
Cllr Phil Heaviside
Cllr Carol McAllister
Cllr Phil Heaviside
Cllr Tim Robson

In Attendance:

Miss F Ford (Clerk) and 5 Members of the public

Prior to the meeting commencing Cllr Bell advised that sadly Brian Walker had passed away. A minute's silence was then held.

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted from Cllrs Peter Brown and Hayley McAllister.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest submitted.

3. Public Comments

Cllr Bell advised he will not tolerate any interruptions throughout the meeting.

Question 1 – Where was it agreed that the community centre would be a new build. It was noted there were no minutes saying new build or refurbishment. Cllr Joan Robson advised that the original leaflet circulated for the public meeting stated a possible new build.

Question 2 – Questions from a previous email regarding the Public Participation Policy. As it was not appropriate to go into it at the meeting, the Clerk will reply by email.

4. Minutes from the previous meeting

It was agreed to defer approving the minutes from 1st June to the normal monthly meeting on 13th July 2021.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

Deferred

6. Accounts

The clerk circulated summary details of the 2020/2021 accounts. It was noted that a breakdown of the income for the community centre would be useful. It was also noted that monthly reconciliations should be presented to the Council. Clerk advised that they will be produced for the next meeting.

The accounts and annual return were then agreed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

7. Councillor Roles

A discussion took place regarding potential roles for Councillors, Cllr Bell to circulate the details of areas via email.

8. Community Centre

- **Establishing a Community Centre Management Sub Group** – deferred
- **Requests for use of the Bowling Green** – Brownies 7th and 14th July 6.00 – 7.30 pm – agreed. It was noted that the grass needed to be cut. Cllr Gary Brown to arrange the use of a lawn mower. Clerk asked that a risk assessment be undertaken with whoever would be cutting the grass.

- **Producing a procurement brief for the Gym** – Cllr Joan Robson made a suggestion that the Co-op could be leased for 1 year for the gym, meaning the gymnastics could use the Sports Hall. It was noted that Durham Area Youth are/have looked into using the Co-op.

- **CIO – Alternative arrangement for Licence to Occupy** - It was noted there is a meeting with DCC to discuss Asset transfer so defer to next meeting.

- **CIO – Re-directing previously agreed grant in support of the new licence to occupy holder.** It was noted that as the CIO has not moved forward with progress since being established in May 2020, the business plan will be out of date and need updating. It was agreed the grant previously allocated for the CIO be transferred across to whoever has the licence to occupy going forward.

9. Matters for Information

Cllr Joan Robson read out a detailed statement, which ended with her submitting her resignation with immediate effect.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 13th July 2021, 6.30 pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting was closed at 8.20 pm